

Seney National Wildlife Refuge

2011 Amateur Photo Contest

You're invited to participate in Seney National Wildlife Refuge's Amateur Photo Contest. The sole purpose of the contest is to encourage you to visit and enjoy the Refuge. Up to five entries (total) per person may be submitted - no more than three per category with exception to the youth categories. There is a new categories this year - Special Assignment - this topic will change each year. Photos may depict any of the following categories:

- 1. Wildlife (Mammals, Birds, Reptiles & Amphibians, Spiders, Insects, etc.)**
- 2. Public Use/Recreation**
- 3. Landscape**
- 4. Plants/Plant Like Organisms (Wildflowers, Lichens, Mushrooms, Liverworts, etc.)**
- 5. Special Assignment 2011: The Art of Hunting/Fishing - Not what you shoot or catch but how you do it. Please no "trophy" photos - show us your techniques or shots from the field.**
- 6. 13 and under: any subject but the photographer must be 13 years old or younger.**
- 7. 14 to 18: any subject but the photographer must be 14 to 18 years old.**

The photos will be displayed at the Visitor Center in September and October and on Seney's Flickr page (www.flickr.com/seneynwr). Credit will be given to each of the contestants once the voting is completed. The public will vote for their favorites in each of the categories. Voting will take place at the visitor center or you can cast your vote online. Voting for 2011 will begin in early September 2011. To vote online check out the photos on the Flickr website then follow the special instructions which will be posted as soon as voting is allowed. Certificates, ribbons and prizes (e.g. books, t-shirts, posters) will be awarded. All entries will remain on display at the Visitor Center until October 15th, 2011 and on the internet. See page two for rules and regulations.

Winners will be notified by December 15, 2011. For further information please call (906) 586-9851 ext.15.

The 2010 1st Place Winners

Public Use/Recreation

Anne Springsteen 1st



Plants and Wildlife

Barbara Hysell 1st



Landscape

Atlee Hart 1st



Contest Rules and Regulations

1. All entries must be photographs taken at Seney National Wildlife Refuge.
2. Up to five entries (total) per person may be submitted - no more than three per category with exception to the youth categories. Youth may enter up to five photos in their age bracket.
3. Photographers must be non-professional; this is an amateur contest. For the purposes of this photography contest, a professional photographer is considered to be a photographer who has clients, depends on photography for their income, markets their services and/or writes off their expenses as a business owner.
4. All photographs should be submitted as an **electronic copy AND in a printed format 5"x7", 8"x10" or 8"x12"**. Black and white or color photos are acceptable. If you are unable to submit an electronic copy arrangements can be made to scan the image at the Refuge. Note that scanned photos are not always as high quality as photos submitted electronically. Photos may not be matted nor should there be any frame surrounding the photo. Photos may not display the name of the photographer on the front of the photograph.
5. Mail or deliver the printed entries to:
Seney National Wildlife Refuge
Photo Contest
1674 Refuge Entrance Road
Seney, Michigan 49883
Electronic copies may be mailed with the printed copy or emailed to Sara_Hollerich@fws.gov, the subject line should read "2011 Photo Contest". Entries accepted year round.
6. On the back of the printed photo, please attach a signed permission form with your contact information. Photos lacking the signed permission form will be disqualified.
7. All entries must be received by August 31, 2011, or they will not be accepted.
8. All entries will be retained by the Refuge and may be used for non-profit publications, webpages and presentations.
9. While extreme care will be taken in handling all entries, the Refuge cannot be responsible for any damage to photographs.

Online Voting: Cast your vote for your favorite photos from early September to October 15th, 2011. Remember only one vote per category per person. Each email address will be allowed one vote - if you have more than one email please be honest and only vote one time; duplicates will be deleted. Vote for the best photograph in EACH of the categories. If you would like to vote, email seneynwr@yahoo.com. The subject line should read, VOTE 2011. The body of the email should include the code numbers for each of the four categories. Example: Landscape: L#, Wildlife: W#, Plants P#, Public Use/Recreation: R#, Special Assignment: S#, Ages 13 and Under: Y#, and Ages 14 to 18: T#.

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Title of Photo: _____

Print Name: _____ Email: _____

Street Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Circle Category Entered: **Wildlife; Public Use/Recreation; Landscape; Plants; Special Assignment; Ages 13 and Under; or Ages 14 to 18**

I hereby grant permission to the Seney National Wildlife Refuge and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to use my photograph and/or likeness in official service publications, in displays, or on the internet and it's world wide website without further consideration. Where appropriate this photo will be credited to the source and to the USFWS.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If a minor (18 and under) is pictured in a photo or has taken the photo a Parent or Gardian of the minor must give their permission by signing below.

Signature: _____ Date: _____